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Introduction

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Seasonal adjustment

- 2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of Seasonalli, Adjusted Indicators, Australia (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.
- 3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely. "trading-day" effects (, rising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia. Day.
- 4 Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

- 5. More detailed information is available in the Menthly Summary of Statistics, Australia (1304.0) (\$2.35). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.
- 6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

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- nil or rounded to zero
- not applicable
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.a not available
- n.v.a not vet available
 - break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)
- 7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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		k coal tonnes	Iron ore (a)	Lead (b)		tricity & W h		s (c)		corel tonnes		meni Ionnes		ehicles (d) (00()	unde	720W
Month	Original	Seas. adj	tonnes	tonnes	Original	Seas. adj	Original	Seas, adi	Original	Seas. adj	Original	Seas. adj	Original	Seas adi	()riginal	Seas. adj
1979-80																
December	5,344	7,294		28.1	7,381	8,024	21,930	25,694	749	732	422	441	28.8	14.5	291	300
January	5.854	7.633		21.9	7.366	8,076	21,433	26,602	763	709	309	452	11.1	32.1	115	258
February	5,647	5.186	21.579	33.2	7.414	8.044	22,369	26,154	658	669	474	457	34.6	33 9	272	287
March	7.202	7.105		35.6	7.824	8.098	24,503	27.35	628	613	449	441	336	31.9	283	273
April	5,311	6,107		36.4	7.524	8.079	25.905	27.5k~	529	564	448	45 i	26 R	29.0	248	278
May	8,209	6,901	24.188	36.6	8,279	7,898	30.605	29.235	488	466	481	451	35.7	30.6	267	293
June	8.174	7,786		35.2	8,707	8,029	34,984	29,881	576	602	457	455	29 N	29.5	284	288
1980-81																
July	6.637	6.321		31.7	9.486	8.185	37,060	29,478	736	744	475	441	35.5	32.1	324	294
August	5.004	5.802	25 707	32.5	8.973	8.048	34.502	28,767	685	69k	483	466	29.6	29 1	318	294
September	8.612	7.782		32.1	8.231	8.048	31.793	29.371	614	602	42X	412	33.0	28.7	347	290
October	10.127	8,605		30.9	8,206	K.153	29,275	28.705	629	601	465	443	35.1	29.0	390	324
November	8.818	× 222	nva	33 1	7.927	8.540	27,939	30.71k	635	688	489	465	32.0	29.4	343	291
December	n.v.a.	nsa		n v.a.	K.135	8,731	25,285	29,240	653	626	429	451	25.5	28.8	297	286
January	n.y.a.	nsa		11.5.0	0.5 a	n.y.a.	n.y.a	n y a	nya.	0.9.8	n.y.a	nva	n.y.a	n.y.a.	ny.a.	n.y.a

(a) Gross-mine output (b) Metallic contents of mine products (c) Available for issue through mains includes natural gas (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a parify finished state

				PE	ODUCTION	-continue	d						STOC	KS (a)
		oven cloth	Woodl worsted w	oven cloth			ear	Price index	milk in		recei	and dealers ivals of ide wool		value at Lauarier
		sy m		sq m	Man-made		onne	manufac	mil		Total	Controlal		Sm
Month	Original	Seas adi	Original	Seav adj	tibre-cloth 1000 sq m	Original	Seas adj	division(h)	Original	Seas adi	receivals connes	brokers (d)	Original	Seas adj
1979-K0						1	- 1							
December	3,544	4,441	683	791	9,585	166	182	272.2	636	449	49.059	74.3		
January	1.630	1,899	415	795	5.90*	184	197	276.3	575	414	16121,814	10)68.7		
Echruary	3,476	3.252	908	784	11,691	17K	182	283.1	416	417	?".424	72.0	25,326	25 337
March	3,207	1.184	900	825	12.216	168	1.56	285.4	3.36	428	17,910	69.6		
April	2.900	3.421	375	779	10.629	36.	221	286.0	237	376	38.372	73.7		
Max	3,509	320	fs7.3	732	13.158	201	194	287.2	210	419	30,388	73.6	26,0X9	26,071
lune	1,543	1 2 1()	513	610	13,311	167	171	289.2	220	455	23,544	6h K	(g)26-315	12126,297
1980-81														
Tuly	4.599	4.137	839	757	14.278	208	209	292 6	299	494	41.010	74.9		
August	3,769	3 154	683	703	13,028	197	195	296.5	449	468	72,055	(1180.7	27,639	27,543
September	3,715	3,364	771	774	13.057	214	205	299.3	585	446	102,447	87.4		
October	4.153	3,370	1.032	848	13,773	233	214	300.4	684	430	103,574	80.7		
November	3.512	3.328	997	k"4	12.04	187	175	301 K	r661	1437	179.198	79.0	n.v.a.	n.v.a
December	2.671	3.232	725	730)	9,612	179	193	304.2	609	420	5×.363	76.2		
January	n.y.a	0.5 0	nya	6.5.3	n.y.a.	169	179	n.y.a	nsa.	n.v.a.	n.v.a.	nva		

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OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices(a)

			\$	m				
	Value of total exports	Value of total imports	Exports	Imports	Export price index (b) All groups	Baiance on current	apparent	Official reserve
Month	5 <i>m</i>	Sm	Seas. adj	Seas. adj.	1974-75 = 100	Sm	capital inflow	assets (c)
1979-80								
December	1.560	1,167			174	76	234	4,614
January	1,736	1,630			179	328	542	6,386
February	1,619	1,444	3.027	2.275	183	100	263	6.495
March	1,613	1,332			185	30	55	5,627
April	1,617	1,277			183	79	3	5,225
May	1,537	1,473	2,804	2,066	182	153	617	5,271
June	1.803	1.394			179	74	93	5,681
1980-81								
July	1.681	r1.592			180	275	213	5,933
August	r1,489	r1.463	2.556	2,213	182	406	194	5,533
September	r1.403	r1,617			184	535	347	5,718
October	1,675	1.736			185	603	1,056	6.094
November	r1,598	r1,325	n.y.a	n.y.a.	185	200	324	5,981
December	r1.590	1,540			185	227	113	5,430
January	1,673	1,406			n.v.a.	227	515	5,586

(a) Replace-estimates as average [196-67 prices See publication 542.1 0 of histories in July 1999 For further details see July 1999 (size of publication 649.5 0 of 1 from the end of June 1976 gold is valued as the average

INTERNAL TRADE

				Retail s	ales(a)								
	All its except moto parts, petro \$n	or vehicles, ol. etc.(b)	and d	ood rink(h) m	Clothing, l electr and furn \$n	nial nure(h)		r(h)(c) m	New n cars and wagons re	station egistered	Other new vehicles reg	istered(d)	Instalment credi for retail sales finance companie and othe husinesses, balance
Month	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas. adi	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj	Original	Seas. adj	Original	Seas adj.	outstanding(e \$n
1979-80-													
December	3.151	2,409							32.2	35.7	7.4	8.2	3.046
January	2,324	2,489							33.2	379	8.3	10.0	
February	2,268	2,440	3.595	3,663	2,142	2,476	1,226	1,312	36.3	38.1	9.7	10.2	3,039
March	2,370	2,514							37.0	37.0	10.0	10.1	3,032
April	2,399	2,495							36.3	35.7	9.3	9.6	3,020
May	2,666	2,527	3,668	3,743	2,541	2,516	1.255	1.342	37.7	35.2	10.8	10.0	
June	2,399	2,572							36.5	36.9	11.1	10.0	
1980-81													
July	2.552	2,645							43.2	37.7	11.9	10.1	3,007
August	2,552	2,637	3,792	3.898	2,539	2,626	1,312	1,381	39	38.2	10.0	10 4	3,005
September	2.591	2,693							37	37.9	10.0	10.4	3,001
October	2,760	2,677							40	38.4	10.7	10.1	3,017
November	2.771	2,752	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n v a	36.4	38 3	9.6	10.2	r3.028
December	3.792	2,822							39.9	40.8	10.0	10 1	3,025
January	2,639	2.791							31 B	38.1	9.3	11.7	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishmens (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory (c) Other, excludes motor schicles, parts, petrol, etc vehicles and buses (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were. October \$157m\$ November \$149m\$ December \$139m\$

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

		e neekls ngs per	Weekli wage rates	Average		Co	nsumer price in	dex, six State c	apisals, 1966-67	= 100 0 unless of	herwise noted (a)	
		male unit	index, adult males (b)	hours per employee	4//				Household equipment and	Transport-	Tobacco and	Health and	
Month	Original	Seas adj	1954 = 100	(c)	groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	operation	ation	alcohol	care (e)	Recreasion (f
1979-80													
December			597.7	1.6		281.2							
January			625.5	1.2		286.9							
February	245 70	250 80	626 0	1.4	290.3	288.2	295.2	316.8	247.0	256.5	302 N	340.6	133.8
March			627.4	1.4		291 4			241.0	2.0.0		240 ()	117.8
April			628 2	1.4		293.4							
May	258.00	258 70	629.1	1.4	298 4	296.2	303.7	324.5	253.4	310.3	107.9	34× K	136.2
June			629 3	1.3		298.9					-4.7	146.6	130 2
1980-81													
July			r656.6	1.4		r300.3							
August	268 79	268.60	r656.9	1.4	304.0	r302.5	307.2	333.1	262.2	311.3	314.3	154 7	138.5
September			r658.9	1.4		304.4			202 2	1113	214 1	134 /	1.16 :
October			1660.6	1.4		307.4							
November	n.y.a.	nva	r660 N	1.5	310.3	310.5	314.1	341.7	267 h	317.1	317.2	158 9	140 6
December			660.9	1.6		r314.4			2.11	217.3	117.2	138 9	140 (
January			nya	1.2		317.8							

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

				lding			lding senced	114.0	llings	Price ir	Materials		New fixed caps hs private en	tal expenditu terprises (\$m)	re
	Building a Sn		dwe	llings unit	Government building approved	to	tal m	comm	nenced units	used in	ing other	New huil		Other ne equip	· · apital
Month	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	\$m	Original	Seas adt	Original	Seas adj	hulding	than house hulding	()riginal	Seas adj	Original	Seas ad
1979-80															
December	559.3	632.9	9 K	10.7	112.4					297.4	299.3				
January	568 5	690.7	10.1	12 8	116.5					301.6	304 9				
February	656 R	712 3	11.3	12.4	146.4	2.215.4	2,286.2	34.3	34 9	30x 9	311.1	536.8	655.7		
March	701.0	702.8	13.3	12.7	89.4					114.4	314 1	3.90 8	0.33 /	1.551.5	1,776
April	659.0	677.8	12.7	2 k	73.9					317.2	315 =				
Mas	730.4	664.0	13.3	12.4	1199	2 29	2.039 7	14 (33.0	320 D	317.5	697 3	674 ()	2.001.1	
June	771 (692.5	124	12.2	103.3	21171	43074		1,10	125 2	323 6	697.3	0/4 ()	2,001.1	1,807 (
1980-K1															
July	760 9	711.1	13.2	12.1	72.6					329 9	128 e				
August	762.4	830.6	12.8	13.6	101.9	nva	nya	36.6	35.0	114.4	333.6	r755.0	r756.6		
September	767.3	717.0	110	12.4	123.0					137.2	335.9	11,534	1730.0	12.125.9	r2,201
October	821 7	766.0	14 1	13.2	73.6					138.5	337.4				
November	770 8	767 7	13.1	129	107.2	nva	nya	nya	nya	119.6	338.3	1.062 0	924 ()	2.338 4	2.210
December	763.7	797 4	12.5	12.7	112.3	214		7.4		340 6	319 3	1,002 0	724 0	2,538.4	2,218
January	n.y.a.	n.v.a.	nva	nya	nya					343.0	343.2				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities 1966-67 = 100 0

	Savings depo			Major tradin	ng hanks (h)		Finance companies	ow	ising financ ner occupat Loans appr	ion	Common-	Listed	Common	n revenue wealth and
	halan.	ces (c)	Dep \$			ances m	halances outstanding (d)	Banks	Permanent huilding societies	Other lenders (e)	wealth hond yield short dated (f)	new money raised	revenu	rsolidated e funds m
Month	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	O-iginal	Seas adj	\$1	Sm	\$m	3m	per cent	\$m	Original	Seas. adj
1979-80														
December	20,575	20.516	22,150	21,818	16,612	16,431	18,371	245	162	93	9.97		1.894	2,454
January	20,774	20,709	22,999	22,235	16,565	16,695	18,458	342	182	94	10.38		2,632	2,821
February	20,964	20,843	23,252	22,303	16,574	16,962	18,527	128	226	105	10.75	529.3	2,721	2.702
March	20,849	20.985	23,399	22,408	16,836	17,136		330	240	106	11.20		2.719	2,834
April	20,845	21,175	23,087	22,326	17,280	17,271	18.802	345	214	98	11.40		3,967	2,774
May	20,846	21.130	22,436	22.950	17.613	17,516	19,000	334	244	111	11.54	664.5	3.711	2,546
June	21,261	21,270	22,680	23.519	17,514	17,620	19,259	295	209	104	11.50		2,800	2.598
1980-81														
July	21,351	21.344	23,010	23,966	1".864	17.833	19.604	332	252	108	11.34		2,271	2.899
August	21,592	21,518	23,278	24.205	17.901	17.938	19.889	305	232	109	11.50	437.2	2,850	2,926
September	21,771	21,663	23,630	24,264	17,811	17,775	20,175	302	262	106	11.50		2.154	2,937
October	22,098	21.888	24,288	24,411	18,273	17,915	20.483	358	263	130	11.58		2,479	3,105
November	22,210	22,180	24,555	24,617	18,356	18,083	r20.951	317	248	126	12.42	n.v.a	3,065	3,090
December	22,699	22.621	25,127	24,570	18,638	18,434	21,299	327	229	122	12.85	21.3.4	2,513	3,234
January	22,705	22,623	25,923	24,611	18,605	18,753		n.y.a.	n.v.a	n v.a.	13.10		n.v.a	n.v.a.

⁽a) Includes loans for alterations and additions. In Includes, external territories. (c) Evoludes, external territories, (c) Announts shown relate in all types of finance agreements and provide a broad neteral instance or indicate a section of the providence of th

							Fina	l consumptio	n expenditi	re	Gro	ss fixed capit	al expenditi	ire
	Gross domes	tic product	Gross farm	product	Gross non-fai	rm product	Priv	are	Govern	ment	Priv	ate	Pub	lıc
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas. adj	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj
					AT C	URRENT	RICES							
1978-79														
June	25.126	26.204	090.1	1.806	24.036	24,398	15,930	15,988	4,445	4,286	4,012	3,804	2,528	2,124
1979-KO														
September	26,865	27,243	1,398	1,829	25,467	25,414	16,390	16,560	4,381	4,441	3,726	3,764	1,944	2,136
December	30,783	27,953	3,308	1.877	27,475	26,076	17,888	16.955	4,725	4,550	4,081	3,873	2,303	2,223
March	27,860	28.999	1.592	1.717	26,268	27,262	16,984	17,724	4,523	4,824	3,688	4,092	2,040	2,362
June	28,308	29,799	945	1.803	27.363	27.996	17.961	18,039	5.106	4,921	4.491	4,264	2,651	2,227
September	30,609	30,738	1,545	1.831	29.064	28,907	18,563	18,693	5.032	5,101	4,618	4,669	2.209	2,421
					AT AVE	RAGE 1974	75 PRICE	s						
1978.79														
June	15.897	17.036	460	1,258	15.437	15,778	10,027	10,057	2.973	2,862	2.510	2.382	1.626	1,374
1979-80														
September	16,937	17.223	734	1,140	16.203	16.083	10,051	10,156	2,839	2,881	2,285	2.303	1.214	1.332
December	19,557	17,425	2,369	1,143	17,188	16,282	10,790	10,223	3.015	2,920	2,44h	2,333	1.401	1.352
March	16,685	17,414	1,007	1.103	15,678	16,311	9,937	10,371	2,802	2,970	2.138	2,363	1.185	1.364
June	16,417	17,583	417	1.129	16,000	16,454	10.293	10.332	3.112	2,995	2,536	2.411	1,508	1.274
September	17,567	17,686	724	1,042	16.843	16,644	10,422	10,495	2.967	3.011	2.534	2,557	1.215	1,329

AT CURRENT PRICES continued

					G	ross operatin trading en								
	Imports and set		Exports of and ser		Comp	anie'	Oth	er	Wages, sal suppler		Income of farm unin-		Less direct	
Quarter	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adi		income	taxes, etc (a)	income
1978-79														
June	4.606	4,618	4.665	4,653	2.707	2,792	4.876	5,940	14,295	14.327	495	7,444	5,608	16,626
1979-K()														
September	4,572	4.533	4,737	4,795	2.965	2.952	5,804	6,017	14.818	14,872	772	6,919	3,164	19,345
December	4.996	5.031	5.631	5,450	3,689	3.146	K,151	6,267	15.617	15,157	2.569	7.972	3,489	22,669
March	5.350	5.336	5,540	5,676	2,780	3,284	5,781	6,226	15,411	15,681	929	6,879	4,291	18,928
June	5.204	5.224	5.527	5.517	3.402	3,506	5,208	6,463	15.984	16.230	289	8.431	6,262	18,442
September	5.819	5.782	5.331	5,397	3.505	3,486	6,465	6,548	16.885	16,822	876	7.679	3,506	21,934

(a) Direct base-definited are those pool by persons to general posetriment. These include income tax paid and estate and gold duties, all other direct bases fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. A low deducted here are consumed offs interest and transfers or oversetting.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE(a) (1000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (1000)

		Males	F	emales	F	Persons		ang for me work	Looking for part-time		Total		Survey
Month	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas adj.() Males	Females	work	Males	Females	Persons	(d)
1979-80													
December	4,216.4	n.a	2,430.4	n.a.	6,646.8	n.		151.6	73.1	224.2	202 7	426 9	
January	4,179.9	n a	2.337.0	n.a.	6,516.9	n.	226.9	154.1	56.9	242.3	195.5	437.8	
Lebruary	4,190.6	4,155.8	2,428.0	2.416.8	6,618.6	6,572	5 215.2	160.5	68.8	230 4	214.1	444.5	36.9
March	4,182.6	n.a.	2,473.0	n.a.	6,655.6	n.	196.3	142.8	73.3	211.5	200.9	412.4	
April	4,156.6		2,440.0	n.a.	6,596.5	n	192 9	146.3	65.3	206.9	197.5	404.5	
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July	4.189.5	n.a.	2,475 9	n.a	6,665.4	n.		134.8	60.6	205.3	180.0	385.4	
August	4.180.0	4,200.3	2,459.0	2,468.1	6,639.0	6,668		139.4	59 7	209 1	183.2	392.3	30.1
September	4.221.1	n.a.	2,509.7	n.a.	6,730.8	n.	197 9	137.6	70.0	211.1	194.4	405.5	
October	4,195.6	n.a	2,466.1	n a	6,661.7	n.	180 1	127.0	68.6	194.8	180.9	375.7	
November	4,189.6	4,211.4	2,476.0	2,478.4	6,665.5	6.693	5 171.4	131.1	54.3	182.8	174.1	357.0	34.3
December	4,306.7		2.514.9	n.a.	6,821.5	n.	206.1	151.2	74.6	226.2	205.8	432.0	
January	4,251.6		2.397.8	n.a.	6,649.4	n.	218.2	158.7	53.4	233.9	196.5	430 4	

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